

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2688

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December, 2015

National List of Essential Medicines

2688. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is looking to expand the ambit of National List of Essential Medicines especially in the tertiary care segment, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has plans of linking the availability of essential medicines under the Universe Health Assurance Plan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted an expert Core Committee to review and recommend the revision of the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)-2011 in the context of contemporary knowledge of use of therapeutic products. The revised NLEM has not yet been released.

(b): The Department of Pharmaceuticals at present has no plans of linking the availability of essential medicines under the Universe Health Assurance Plan.

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